

Romulus begins redistricting

Romulus Schools is beginning an elementary school redistricting for residents who live north of I-94. With the fall opening of the new Romulus Elementary School, a new area will be carved out with equal number of students attending Cory, Wick and the new elementary.

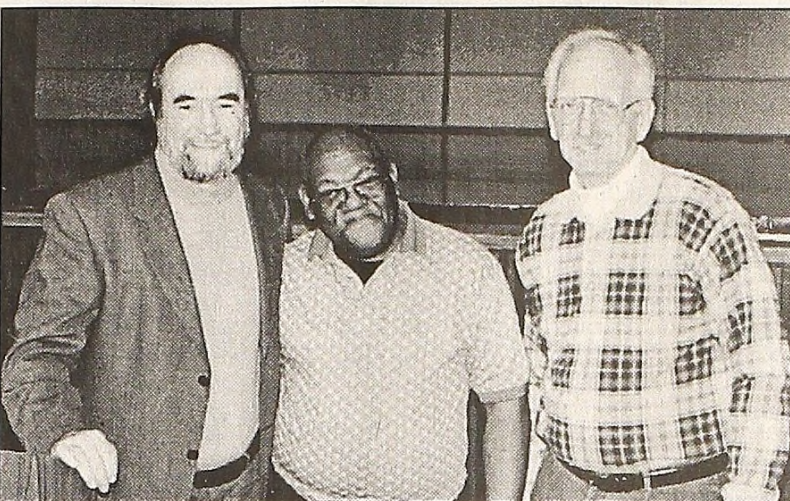
Superintendent Joel Carr encourages parents to attend Redistricting Committee Meetings. The next two will be held at Board of

Education offices on Thursday February 8, at 2 p.m. and Friday February 16, at 9:30 a.m.

The committee is composed of parents, building and central office administrators and Jeff Rahmberg of Plante Moran, Management Consultants. Rahmberg is an expert in school redistricting and recently performed a similar function for Wayne-Westland School District.

Long-term employees honored

Among the 30 years of service honorees at the recent Romulus District employee recognition day were (left to right) Opal McClendon, Patricia McCabe, Deborah Juriga, Rod Hannah, Candace Walters, Judy Bartawell, Delores Raub, Jesse Meriweather, Rose Raspberry Fisher, and Ron Bayes.



Congratulations is extended to Alvin Dupree (center) for his 35-years of service to the Romulus School District. Dupree is flanked by Curriculum Director Tom Dolan (left) and School Board Vice-President Kenneth Berlinn (right).

Civil War talk at museum

The every day life of the common soldier during the Civil War will be the topic of the Belleville Area Historical Society February meeting. Thomas Nanzig, president of the Ann Arbor Civil War Round Table, will be the featured speaker.

The program will trace the heroic service of Midwestern citizen-soldiers in the Civil War through color slides, newspapers, soldier letters and Civil War arti-

facts.

Thomas Nanzig became a Civil War buff as a schoolboy in 1960 when his parents took him to Gettysburg National Park. He is currently the History and Genealogy Collections editor at Bell and Howell.

The program will be presented at the Belleville Area Museum, 405 Main St., in Belleville at 7 p.m. on Thursday February 15.

SERVICE NEWS

Air National Guard Airman Jennifer E. Donaldson has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special

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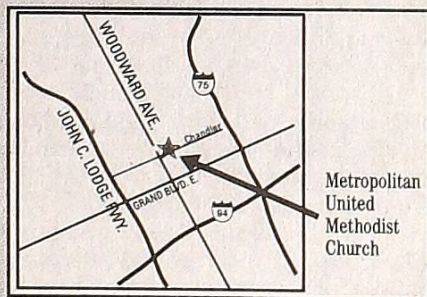
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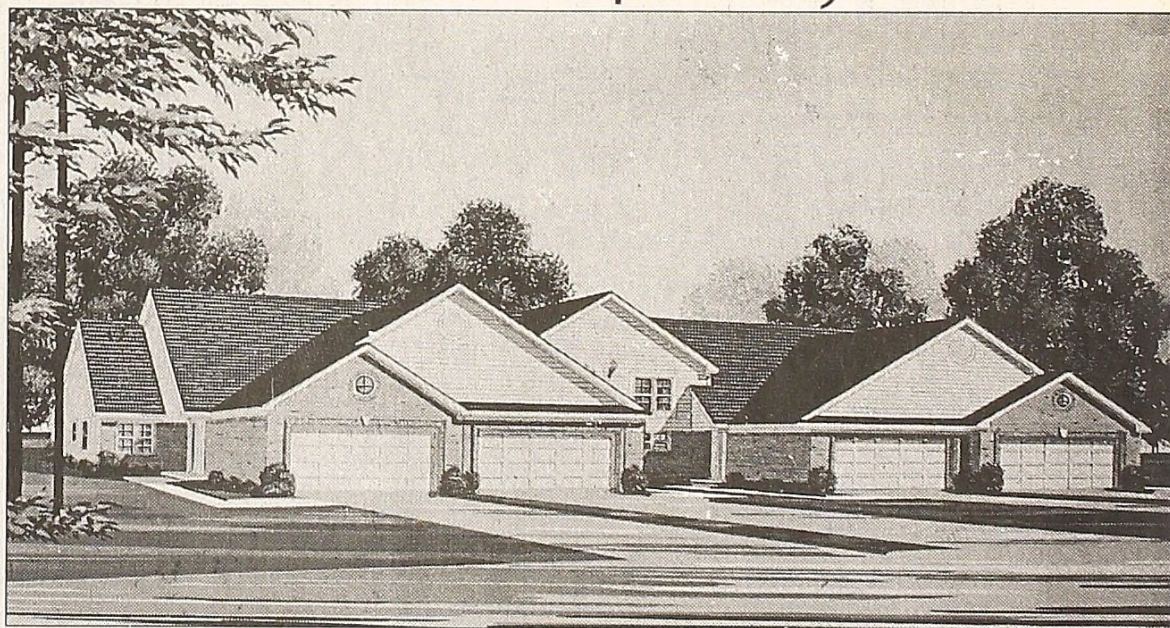
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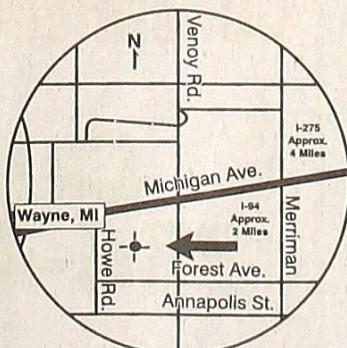
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Franklin students win essay contest

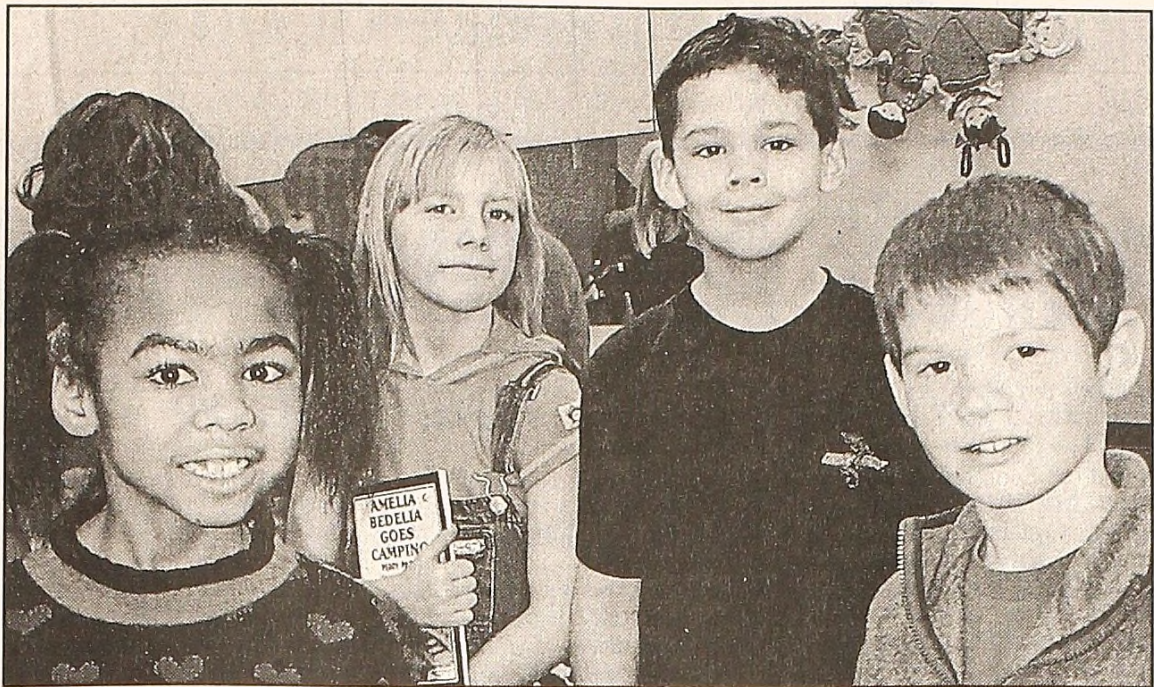
Three students from Franklin Middle School in the Wayne-Westland Community School District have been named local winners in the 32nd annual *American & Me* essay contest. The contest is sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

Contest officials announced that Chelsea LaBrie was awarded first place, while Jennifer Halaberda and Ryan Herbst were awarded second and third places, respectively. All three students were presented certificates for their achievement.

As the school's first-place winner, Chelsea will have her name displayed on a plaque at Franklin Middle School. Also, the first place essay will be submitted to the state level competitions, where the top 10 essays in Michigan will be selected. The top 10 state finalists will be announced sometime in March and each of the 10 essay finalists will receive plaques, cash and U. S. Savings Bonds valued from \$500 to \$1,000.

In addition, they will be honored at a banquet in Lansing where the finalists will have an opportunity to meet with the state's leaders in government. The students also will be the featured guests at a Lansing Lugnut Minor League baseball game dedicated in their honor.

A panel of judges that includes a top Michigan governmental official, judged the essays.



For the love of books

What would the world be like without the magic of the written word? Surely it would be a different. To encourage children to explore the world of words and books, the Wayne Civitan Club has been working with the local schools and library to promote reading by providing children with transportation to the public library. Civitan members sponsored a fifth class visit to the Wayne Public Library by third graders in the Wayne-Westland School District. Three classes from Schweitzer School visited the library on Feb. 1. The students toured the facility, visited the craft class and also received a free bookbag donated by the Civitans. To encourage reading, each child who visits the library twice more will receive a free meal donated by Old Country Buffet. For information about the club, call (734) 729-2579.

Vandenberg to receive R.I.F. books

Thanks to the Reading is Fundamental program, pupils in the kindergarten, second and fourth grades at Vandenberg Elementary School in the Wayne-Westland Community School District will be receiving books of their choice during the school year.

The program is funded, in part, by the Vandenberg PTO. (Parents-

Teachers-Organization) and the school district.

The local contribution is matched by the R.I.F. program.

Teachers have an option of selecting the books of their choice in a wide range of categories, and this semester mysteries, science and social studies appear to be the most popular and are on the

top of the list.

Each of the students will be able to select their personal book and take it home at the end of the regular school year.

Vandenberg's principal is Karen Zokas. Readers who need more information about R.I.F. may contact her at 734-595-2650.

Tech Center's new wing to be dedicated

Wayne-Westland Community School District and Career Tech Center officials announced this week that the newly-constructed wing at the Tech Center will be dedicated during a special ceremony on Feb. 14.

School officials also announced that they will also host a workshop entitled: 2001: A Career Odyssey workshop at the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center.

The dedication ceremony and Open House will begin at 6 p.m. The program will be conducted at the Career Technical Center, located at 36455 Marquette.

Those who attend the The Open House will have an opportunity to get a glimpse at the center's 20 technical training programs, along with viewing some of the student projects.

New high tech equipment as well as the new 30,000 square foot laboratory also will be on display. They will also be able to view the addition to the auditorium.

Career Tech officials stress that there also will be technical

demonstrations, tours, and cooking/baking demonstrations.

The Center offers a wide range of programs: Accounting/Computing, Automated Manufacturing/Machining (CAM), Auto Body Repair, Automotive Technology, Construction Technology, Child Care, Computer Aided Design/Drafting (CAD), Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Data Processing, Desktop Publishing, Electronics Technology, Graphic Design, Health Occupations, Heating/Air Conditioning/Refrigeration, Media Production, Medical Assisting, Office/Word Processing, Printing Technology and Welding Technology.

According to a recent U.S. Labor Department survey, "there is a serious shortage of technical workers in America."

In celebration of National Vocational Education Week, there will be a National Vocational Technical Honor Society induction of all students who qualify. The ceremony will be staged in the new state-of-the-art auditorium.

Adams to host spelling bee contest

Sticking with tradition, Wayne-Westland school officials this week announced that Adams Middle School will once again host the annual Earle Chorbagan Spelling Bee.

The popular program will take place at 9:15 a.m. on Feb. 15 in the school library.

Each school in the school district, joined by a representative from the St. Mary's Catholic School in Wayne, is invited to send one student to compete for the district spelling bee championship. District winners are qualified to compete for regional and state honors.

NEWS FROM THE CITY OF INKSTER

Tia Nedd Foundation Marrow transplant donors are needed

Tia Nedd, a 13-year-old Inkster girl who lost her life in a freak accident on Middlebelt Road several years ago, remains alive in the work her foundation does for others who are seriously ill.

The Tia Nedd Organ Donor Foundation is sponsoring a bone marrow drive for Jonathan

Spencer, a 13-year-old honor student at Hally Middle School in Detroit.

Jonathan, a member of the Navy Sea Cadet Corps, has been diagnosed with leukemia and is a patient at Mott's Hospital in Ann Arbor. He is in desperate need of a life-saving bone marrow trans-

plant.

The Tia Nedd Organ Donor Foundation is hosting a bone marrow drive at 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. Feb. 8 at the UAW Local 849 Union Hall, 484 Chidester in Ypsilanti.

The UAW Local 849 and the Visteon Ypsilanti Plant are the co-

hosts for the project.

According to the American Red Cross, blood and bone marrow supplies are at dangerously low levels. Nationally, the need for minority bone marrow is at its highest especially among African-Americans.

Inkster parents' group, Optimist seek volunteers

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Inkster Parents in Education have joined forces with the Inkster Optimist Club and Inkster Weed & Seed to stage a National African Parent Involvement Day.

The day set aside for the program is Feb. 12, and the three active Inkster groups are seeking community-minded residents to participate.

In celebration of the National African American Parent Involvement Day, parents and volunteers

are needed to visit the school of their choice and read a book or provide storytelling to the students, stressed Inkster Board of Education member Jacqueline Sledge.

"We are encouraging each and everyone, especially parents, to help us in this worthy project," Sledge added.

The reading sessions will begin at 9 a.m. Sessions will be approximately 30 to 45 minutes for each class. A volunteer will have the option of reading to one or more

classes.

All volunteers will be honored during the month of March in observance of Parenting Awareness Month.

The following schools will be participating in the "Reading is Fun" fundamental Program.

Baylor Woodson Complex, 28865 Carlyle Ave.; Blanchette Middle School, 29193 Beech Street; Cherry Hill Academy, 28500 Avondale Street; Inkster High School, 3250 Middlebelt Road; Meek Milton Primary

School, 1771 Henry Ruff Road; King Academy, 1615 Henry Ruff Road; and Thomas Gist, 28955 Rosewood Street.

The Inkster High School Parent Association will host a special program in honor of NAAPID at 6 p.m. on Feb. 12.

Musical Melodies will be provided by the Inkster High School Choir.

Organizers also note that the program is sponsored by the Inkster Weed & Seed.

School to host safari

Baylor-Woodson Elementary School kindergartners in the Inkster Community School District will host a Kenya Safari Family Night beginning at 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 8.

The school is located at 28865 Carlyle Avenue.

Families will be able to travel on an interesting safari where they will be such sites as - Monkey's Branch, Elephant Grasslands, Giraffe's Hut and a Lion's Den.

While getting their passports stamped, visitors also can taste tropical treats, play safari games,

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The Millennium Charity Ball, sponsored by the Michigan Metro Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. was one of several outstanding social events that was staged during the recent holiday season. The event was held at the New Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland. Inkster Councilwoman DeArtiss Richardson (center) and Fundraising Chairpersons, and Charity Ball coordinators Norena Knox (left) and Norma McDaniel (right) were instrumental in making the program a success. Proceeds from the ball are donated to local charities.

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Belleville has hands on Mega-Red crown

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Tigers whip Monroe, get past Ypsi, are within 1 win of title

With three conference games remaining on their schedule, and up by three games from their nearest rival in the conference standings, Belleville coach Rod Fisher and the Tigers are assured of a share of the 2000-2001 Mega Conference, Red Division basketball title.

After visiting Ann Arbor Pioneer Tuesday night, the Tigers will return home on Friday to host Willow Run. They round out the Mega Red season playing Romulus and Wayne Memorial the following week.

Fisher and the Tigers realize that all they need is one more vic-

tory and the hoop crown is theirs outright. And, barring a complete collapse, that is, three straight losses (which can happen, but don't bet on it), Belleville will replace Romulus, the defending champ, as the next Mega-Red champ.

The Tigers reached this envi-

able position by knocking off Monroe by 14 last week, then hanging on to beat a revitalized Ypsilanti by three points.

The two victories gave the conference leaders a perfect 10-0 Mega-Red record.

Belleville turned back Monroe 74-60 on Tuesday and, thanks to a

balanced scoring attack, put down the Ypsi Braves 59-56.

The Braves may have slowed down Belleville's transition game, but they couldn't stop senior Kris Miller and junior guard Jerriel Burrus both of whom scored in double figures.

The Tigers have not lost since the season's opener in early December when they fell to Walled Lake Central at the U of D Invitational.

Central has a perfect 12-0 record going into this week's action.

Romulus falls 3 games behind

By TOM MOORADIAN
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A strange thing happened to defending champ Romulus as it attempted to climb to the top of the Mega Conference, Red Division basketball standings.

The champs slipped and fell.

After losing to Rouge last Tuesday, the defending champ now trails divisional leader, Belleville, by three games. Barring a complete collapse by coach Rod Fisher's Tigers, the champs can kiss the crown goodbye.

Romulus's demise came in the form of a loss to a revitalized River Rouge, which handed the Eagles an unexpected 53-46 setback (Romulus did not play on Friday).

"We let the game get away from us early," said Romulus coach Guy DelGiudice. "We played catch up the rest of the night. We never did catch up."

Rouge jumped out to a 14-4 lead thanks Darren Trotter, who hit a couple of threes in the first period that stunned the Eagle defense. Romulus couldn't get its offense into position to create the opportunities.

The one Romulus bright spot was in the effort of reinstated guard Deon Solomon who scored 12 points and grabbed five rebounds for the Eagles.

It was Monroe on Tuesday for DelGiudice and the Eagles, who then will host Ypsilanti on Friday.

In the meantime, over in the White Division, Inkster pulled out a nailbiting 56-63 overtime victory over Taylor Kennedy for its second divisional win of the season.

"We were both desperate for this one," said first-year Inkster coach Steve Brooks. "Both of us are trying to avoid the league cellar, so we threw all we had. Fortunately, we won."

Kennedy's Mike Schulte forced the game into OT when he scooped up a loose ball and tossed it at the rim as time expired in the fourth quarter. Schulte desperation shot slipped through the net.

Inkster's Victor Morris broke the 50-all tie with a drive-in, dribble out of the corridor three-pointer. Teammate Joe Clayborn contributed the other three points in the 56-53 Viking victory.

"It was really a tough game," said Brooks. "It was a nice one to win."

Kennedy led after one, 15-8, and maintained the seven-point, 28-21, at the half. The Vikings came back and outscored their hosts 19-9 in the third quarter but failed to hang on as Schulte, who scored 16 points for the evening, came through with the last-second basket that tied the game.

Julius Martin, who joined the team at mid-season and was playing his first game, scored a game high 18 points. Morris finished with 11 and Clayborn contributed nine as the Vikings made 18 of 24 at the free throw line.

Martin, a 6-3 senior, pumped in 19 points as the Vikings turned back Academy of Detroit, 69-45. Lamont Parker scored 15 and Cantrell Fickling finished with 10.



Wayne coach Wayne Woodard (center) takes a minute to talk strategy with his ball club during Friday night's encounter with visiting Rouge. Rouge rallied from a 10-4 early deficit to win the Mega-Red rematch, 61-36. Photos by Carl Brown

Wayne skid continues

Wayne Memorial's skid on the hardwood continued last week as Coach Wayne Woodard's Zebras dropped a heartbreaking 57-55 decision to Ypsilanti on Tuesday and also lost a disappointing 61-36 decision to visiting River Rouge before a "Coming Home" crowd Friday night.

Wayne looked like it was about to blow Rouge into the Detroit River as senior guard Gary Johnson connected on a three-pointer to start off the game. Johnson's trey staked the Zebras to a 10-4 lead.

But it was all the proverbial downhill after the initial five minutes as the Panthers came back with a balanced attack that rocked the hosts.

Rouge, which has had its share of problems this season, didn't look as if it had any against Wayne.

With the double loss last week, Wayne's Mega Conference, Red Division record dipped to 2-7. The Zebras began the week with a 5-7 overall mark.

Although he was not the top scorer, Dominique Crawford caused Wayne a lot of headaches. Crawford created scoring opportunities for the Panthers and he also was perfect at the free throw line where he canned 10 of 10 en route to a 14 point evening.

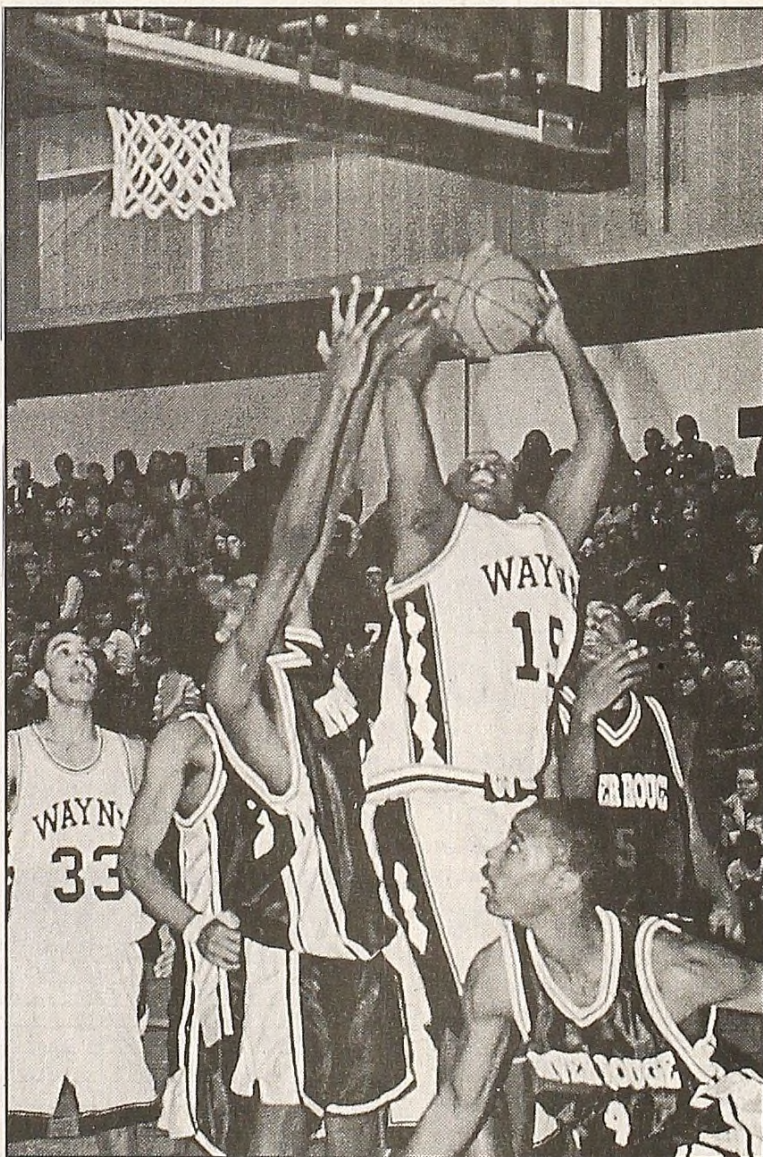
Rouge's Walt Williams and Lamar Toney walked off with individual scoring honors as they combined for a total of 34 points. Each scored 17.

Johnson's 10 points was the best Wayne could generate.

The loss came in the wake of a superlative performance by Johnson against Ypsilanti whose lineup was bolstered by the eligibility of an Ann Arbor Pioneer transfer player, Aaron Oliver.

Oliver picked off two key rebounds and a basket in the closing minutes of the game that squelched Wayne's bid to beat the Braves.

Johnson had an incredible



Cutting through and up Rouge's defense, Wayne's 6-2 junior Dameon McMillion (15) uses his muscles to score two points. Wayne didn't have enough moments like these, however, as the Panthers came back and scored an easy victory to spoil Wayne's "Coming Home" festivities. Photos by Carl Brown

evening as he fired a season high five three-pointers in a 22-point performance.

With less than a minute left, and the game tied at 55, the Braves cashed in on Jason Bird's jump shot to take the lead. There was plenty of time to respond, however, and Wayne understandably went to their go-to player, Johnson.

After a time out, the ball went to Johnson who got a good look

at his target and fired his shot which bounced off the rim and didn't fall. But Oliver grabbed the rebound, and that was it for the Zebras.

Wayne returns to the hardwood Friday night to face Monroe, a team that is struggling in the Red Division after winning back-to-back titles in the White Division.

On Tuesday, the Zebras traveled to Willow Run.

Salem suddenly comes alive in Western Lakes

Plymouth-Salem, a team that lost seven in a row at the beginning of the 2000-2001 campaign, suddenly has come alive.

With victories over Livonia Stevenson and Franklin last week, coach Bob Brodie's Rocks have now put together a four-game winning streak and also find themselves in second place, tied with a bunch of others, in the Western Lakes Basketball Conference.

"I felt we played our best overall performance against Franklin," said Brodie after the Rocks knocked off the Patriots, 66-52. "We're beginning to move the ball the way we should. Our defense has definitely improved."

With the conference playoffs only a couple of weeks away, Brodie and Salem couldn't have timed the upswing any better.

The shootout at Franklin turned into a scoring duel between Salem's sophomore floor leader Dave Hoskins and Franklin's Joe Ruggiero, who combined for a total of 50 of the 118 points scored between the two teams.

Ruggiero nailed a game high 29 points and kept the Patriots within

striking distance until the final three minutes when the hosts needed to foul to get possession of the ball.

Leading 20-17 at the end of the opening period, Salem outscored Franklin 21-13 to increase its van- tage point, 41-30, at halftime. Playing cautiously in the second half, both teams put 11 points on the scoreboard in the third period, while the Rocks held a 14-11 edge in the final eight minutes.

Hoskins scored a team high 21 points and Nick Tockman counted 14.

Tockman led a balanced Salem assault against the Spartans of Stevenson as he scored 21 points to share individual scoring honors with Stevenson's Matt Barnick.

Two other Salem players - Jeff Haar and Ryan Haydon collected 13 points each while Hoskins sank 10 for the Rocks who canned 18 of their 22 free throws. Stevenson made 10 of 16 at the free throw line.

Salem had the edge, 15-13, after the first period and widened the margin to 32-23 for two.

Glenn plays its best against Plymouth-Canton

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Whatever may have ailed Westland John Glenn this season was left in the locker room when coach Joel Lloyd's Rockets clashed with Plymouth-Canton in a Western Lakes Conference basketball game.

Glenn, a 2-9 ball club going into the game, faced a Canton squad that was coming off of a big victory over Northville and is seated second in the division behind undefeated Walled Lake Central.

Both Glenn and Canton came out cautiously, like a mongoose circling a cobra.

Canton, with senior Jerry Gaines showing the way, managed to go two-up on the Rockets in the first period, but the Westlanders came back and held the Chiefs to seven points in the second period and eventually erased a 14-12 deficit.

The Westlanders were in control 29-21 at the half.

"We had good looks at the basket," said Canton coach Larry Rheault. "The ball just wouldn't fall. You're going to have nights like that, and unfortunately Glenn caught us on that kind of night."

Glenn also was exceptional at the free throw line when it counted.

Up by 10 points (40-30) at the end of the third period, Glenn preserved its biggest win of the current season by hitting eight of 10 of its free throws in the last quarter.

In fact, the Rockets scored their last eight points at the line. Darrell Smith sank four-of-four of those charities. For the game, Glenn shot 12 of 15 as compared to Canton's seven of 12 at the line.

Eastern Michigan-bound Gaines scored a team high 16

points before he fouled out of the game midway in the fourth quarter Glenn got 17 points from Brent Bogle and teammate Anthony Harrell finished with nine.

While Canton bounced back on Friday to beat Farmington Hills Harrison, 46-34, Glenn couldn't sustain the momentum and fell to Central by 14, 64-50.

No Rocket player scored in double figures. Jeff Brantley's nine points were the closest. He was tops for Glenn. Teammate Mike Goree chipped in eight while Michael Franks finished with seven.

Central put Glenn away early. The hosts outscored the Rockets 21-11 in the first period and stretched their lead to 33-26 at the half. Central enjoyed a 50-35 advantage after three periods.

Central's 6-9 center Mark Bortz drilled 17 points and Steve Horn added 19.

Turning to its defense most of the evening, Canton led Harrison 13-8 at the end of one before the Chiefs widened the margin to 22-14 at the intermission. Although the Hawks never managed to snatch the lead away, they remained in striking distance until the final three minutes.

Gaines' 11 points stood up as the game's high. Canton also got 10 points from Andy Holmes.

Matt Elsey's nine points was the best the Hawks could do offensively.

Coach Jeremy Rheault and the Chiefs took on Farmington Tuesday night, then, on Friday night, will travel to Livonia Franklin.

In the meantime, the Rockets entertained Livonia Churchill Tuesday night before a Glenn Parents' Night crowd. On Friday, they'll cross division lines to play Livonia Stevenson.

Wayne moves 2 victories closer in showdown with Edsel Webber's double event winner in triumph over Trenton

By TOM MOORADIAN
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With impressive victories last week over Trenton and Dearborn Heights Annapolis, Wayne Memorial moved closer to an all-important rematch with Edsel Ford.

Edsel is the only team to defeat coach Mike Gruber's swimmers in the Mega-White Division this season. The two divisional powers

will clash later this month at Trenton High to decide the 2001 championship.

"Our kids have come back from their one setback and are focused on their goal," Gruber stressed. "We will need to finish ahead of them (Edsel Ford) at the conference meet if we are to salvage a share of the title."

Wayne's Chris Webber accounted for two of the team's 11 first

places against Trenton. He also competed on the winning 200-medley and 400-freestyle relay teams.

Webber won the 100-meter freestyle with a 54.47 performance. He also stashed the 100-meter backstroke event into the Wayne win column after covering the distance in 1:01.83.

Webber teamed up with Josh Raub, Greg Sarkozi and Kyle Scott

to win the 200-medley relay in 1:53.95.

Matt Feamster gave the Zebras the 200-meter freestyle when he touched in at 2:07.24, and Feamster's teammate, Scott, led the field in the 200-meter individual medley. His time was 2:18.78. Sarkozi came back to chalk up the 50-meter freestyle thanks to a 24.78 effort, and Shayne McDONALD's 128.7 points topped the field

of divers.

In the 500-meter freestyle, Jeremy Bowling emerged as the winner. He was clocked in 5:46.74.

Gruber put together a 200-meter freestyle relay team made up of Scott, Feamster, Sarkozi and Andrew Drennen that responded with the winning time of 1:38.16.

Raub wrapped up the 100-meter breaststroke in 1:09.6, while Scott, Drennen, Webber and Brad

Chaisson was the winning combination for the 400-meter freestyle relay. Their time was 3:47.03.

Gruber and the Zebras will return to the swimming pool this afternoon (Thursday) at Taylor Truman for their next Mega-White Division meet.

The Mega-White Divisional Championship will be decided on Feb. 22-23 at Trenton High School.

Canton crushes Franklin on the mats

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Plymouth-Canton grapplers continued to gain momentum in their bid for the Western Lakes Conference title as coach John Demsick's Chiefs crushed Livonia Franklin, 61-11, for their sixth victory in seven conference starts.

"It was a little hard for us to get up for this match knowing that we would have it easily in hand," Demsick said after the match. "Franklin is a nice team working on getting established."

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John Demsick

Canton's Doy Demsick (125), Scott McKee (171), and Phil Rothwell (215) chalked up easy victories over their opponents.

Canton's 189-pounder showed tremendous skill in his bout. Although he was not able to pin his opponent, Miller remained focused all six minutes and wrestled a good technical match, according to coach Demsick.

"It was especially good to see things coming together for him," the Canton coach added.

Canton entered the week with an impressive 13-4 overall dual record. The Chiefs are presently 4-1 in the Western Division and 6-1 in the conference. During the course of the year, Canton also has won five tournaments.

Flu-stricken Canton rallies at Ann Arbor Invitational

Plymouth-Canton spikers faced a couple of big challenges last week as coach Steve Anderson's players battled the flu and a tough Ann Arbor Pioneer.

After turning back Northville and North Farmington in the Western Lakes Conference earlier in the week, coach Anderson discovered that more than half of his players were suffering from the flu and he needed to revisit his starting lineup.

"We canceled practice on Thursday and Friday because three-fourths of the team was in the various stages of the flu," Anderson explained. "We wanted to give some of the players - starters and reserves alike - some time to recover and regain their strength as well as to avoid spreading the bug to the players who were not affected."

Anderson pointed out his team had a big tournament coming up, "but, equally crucial, we also had games coming up against two very respectable op-

ponents - John Glenn and Farmington Hills Harrison."

Canton's volleyball team traveled to the Ann Arbor Invitational on Saturday, taking a makeshift lineup to compete in one of the toughest tournaments in the state.

Unfortunately the Chiefs drew the host, Ann Arbor Pioneer, in the opening round of the tournament.

"I thought we might be able to stay well enough but in the pregame warm up we had a starter get to the point where she had to withdrawal from the lineup, and the strength of various other players deteriorated during the day."

Regardless of their weakened condition the Chiefs shocked the much taller Pioneer team by winning the first game 15-10.

Pioneer regrouped and came back with a strong serving game and won the second game by the score of 15-8.

The two-point differential

would come back to haunt the Chiefs later in the tournament.

Canton then took on Birmingham Groves. The Chiefs came out strong but the flu took its toll early in the series. Canton dropped the first game, 16-14, and was overwhelmed by the Falcons in the second match, 15-3.

By the third and final game of pool play the Chiefs lost another starter to the flu bug. However, the reserves came through for the Chiefs in the stretch.

Canton defeated Lake Fenton in straight games of 15-11 and 15-3.

The underclassmen were commended for stepping up their games a notch and filling in for the flu-stricken teammates. Among those who were praised for their overall performances were sophomores Cindy Rotramel, Colleen O'Brien, Kristen Lake, along with freshman Kristen Lillie and juniors Michelle Ly and Mary Kiesel.

WYAA signs up for baseball season

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Westland Youth Athletic Association officials announced this week that they will be accepting applications for the 2001 baseball and softball season beginning Feb. 17.

Players ages 4 to 16 are invited to register for baseball, and softball players, ages 8 to 18, should sign up at the Lange Compound Building on Wednesday and Saturday.

Registration will be accepted from prospective baseball and softball players beginning at 7 to

9 p.m. on Wednesday, and from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

Registration will be ongoing on the designated two days until April 14.

For more information please call 734-421-0640 or visit the WYAA's website at www.wyaa.org.

WYAA loses a 'close friend'

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

The sports community as a whole and the Westland Youth Athletic Association specifically 'has lost a good friend'.

Bill Lange, who helped WYAA

organize its athletic programs and offered his building for registration, has died at his home in Florida.

"He loved sports and children," said WYAA publicist Keith DeMolay. "There wasn't anything that we would ask of him that he

wouldn't do for us.

"Sports and the children of our community have truly lost a great friend," DeMolay added.

Services for Mr. Lange are scheduled for today (Thursday), at 10 a.m., at the Santieu Funeral Home in Garden City.

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Dr. Linda M. Atkinson

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EDS's apparent victory means Romulus should talk settlement

I've been around public issues longer than I would like to admit, but quite frankly, I have never encountered an issue like the EDS deepwell, that has caused so much public division for such a long period of time.

The deepwell concept was first introduced to Romulus back in 1990, and to this day citizens, politicians and EDS officials continue to battle its merits. After 10 long years the scorecard still reads City 0, EDS 0, with lawyers earning \$1,000,000's.

Unfortunately, for friends and foes, alike, this project wasn't something that EDS could pick-up and move. Resistance to it did not surface until EDS had spent nearly \$2,000,000 and completed the mile-long drilling.

One well has been drilled, but an injunction has stopped its usage. A second well now appears ready to be drilled and put to use, barring any eleventh hour argument that might change the minds of MDEQ officials that have already given the green light to EDS to build.

Opponents have put up a valiant fight, but it appears they have lost. It is time for the City and those opponents to come to the negotiating table and try to carve out the best deal possible for the City. Early on, EDS was willing to pay 5% royalties, then later promised \$500,000 a year. This type of money could go a long way to curing any city financial woes.

The State with its long laborious approval process has proven the injection well process is safe. These types of wells have operated since the 1950's all over this country and Canada, without any major incidents. In my mind dumping wastewater a mile below our surface is hundred times safer than treating it and putting it back into our lakes and rivers or simply dumping it in a landfill.

Speaking of landfills — we are unfortunate to see and smell these unsightly mountains of trash every way we look in western Wayne County. The monuments to over-consumption are the highest points in Canton and Van Buren. EDS, in my opinion, has a better



Mike's musings

Mike Wilcox

idea by sending it deep into the ground.

I've never really understood why those landfills haven't met the same kind of resistance as EDS. I don't understand, either, why our government officials didn't eke out a royalty agreement like the one EDS proposes.

Clearly dealing with trash and hazardous wastes has been one of America's major problems for the past fifty years. We as people produce it, but none us, want to get rid of it near our homes and schools.

Well, whether we like it or not, government has told us EDS has every right to build their deepwell, here. It's time to embrace the project, and get a share of the profits so that Romulus will have money to build a better future.



Gracins slapped by Cox, Griffin

Former Westland city council members David Cox and Trav Griffin have filed a "defamation" lawsuit against Brenda and Mario Gracin. The plaintiffs are alleging they were defamed when accused of violating the Open Meetings Act (a misdemeanor).

The Gracins were leaders in the recall movement that resulted in removing four members of the council (two by resignation and two by defeat in the recall election).

The lawsuit seems to fit the description of "Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation" (SLAPP), a term coined to describe lawsuits intended to intimidate and silence public-spirited activists from participating in political debate and silence others who might otherwise criticize government.

The University of Denver's Political Litigation Project has studied the phenomenon for 10 years. A 1996 book, "SLAPPs, Getting sued for speaking out" by George



Medium Rare

Jim Rarey

Pring and Penelope Canan provides a long list of constitutionally protected activities for which private citizens have been sued by current and former government officials.

The Gracins say they never accused anyone of breaking the law. The tenor of the recall campaign was that Cox and Griffin had suspended and humiliated the City Clerk before getting council approval to fire her. That act was characterized as vindictive retribution against a whistleblower who had accused them of violating election laws. Certainly the filing of the lawsuit seems to validate the perception that Cox and Griffin are capable of pettiness

and vindictiveness (aside from the SLAPP implications).

The other two council members targeted for recall had voted to approve the firing of the City Clerk (implying approval of the prior action).

SLAPP lawsuits are rarely successful in collecting awards for the plaintiffs, but then that is not the main purpose in the first place. Defendants are put through an emotional wringer and often at exorbitant expense for lawyer fees.

However, occasionally justice prevails. Recently Tim O'Brien, State Director of the Libertarian Party, was sued by the (former) mayor of Allen Park. O'Brien not only won the case but also received a court-ordered personal check from the mayor for his costs incurred in defending the lawsuit.

Cox and Griffin should drop their lawsuit or be remembered as vindictive politicians against public participation in government.

Bush disses 'scared' GOP

I love it when President Bush forgets that he's talking into a live microphone.

During the presidential campaign, he described an unfriendly New York Times hack with a cuss word. Supposedly Bush's approval ratings shot up after he cursed.

Last week, he called the yellow-spined Republicans who back away from educational reform as "scared to death" of the public schools' special interest groups.

I hope that the latest comment sinks the scared Republican's approval ratings until they wake up.

Unless that happens, Michigan students could be cheated out of any educational reform. And Bush voters will have been cheated out of their votes.

Yeah, I know that Bush lost Michigan big time. The majority of state voters weren't buying into Bush's platform, but voters have elected a Republican governor, senate, and house.

And it can't be denied that Bush's main domestic issue was educational reform. Like many a politician, he seeks to teach students to read by the third grade.

"Reading is a civil right," he says.

But unlike most politicians, he strives to do more than pay lip service to the goal. He seeks to accomplish it by holding schools responsible for reaching it.

But its no longer a simple matter to hold public schools accountable in Michigan. Their political machine seems too intimidating for timid state Republicans to battle. That's a shame, because Wisconsin Republicans had the courage and leadership abilities to reform education so students actually have an opportunity to



Ivan Helfman

learn more. As a result, thriving urban and private schools in Milwaukee attract students. Test scores are on the rise. Parents are happy.

Milwaukee made progress with vouchers, the topic of the remarks he accidentally spoke into a live microphone while talking to leaders of Roman Catholic charities.

According to a *Washington Post* article, he said that the debate over giving parents federal aid to transfer pupils from failing schools to private ones is a "problem politically," and that the proposed reform is being doomed by Republicans in wealthy suburbs who are "scared to death" of offending public school supporters.

Bush predicted that he will win the battle with word games. He will substitute the harmless phrase "opportunity scholarships" for the turnoff word "vouchers."

"It's like the abortion issue," Bush reportedly said. "There is a built-in prejudice against a particular position on both sides of both issues. And the language of the issues, you know, is never 'for' life. It's always 'anti,' you know. Somebody's right. And same in education. And those of us who agree on these issues must figure out better ways to position it from a PR perspective."

Whether he wins or not nationally, accountable schools are not in the cards in Michigan as long as local Republicans are running scared.

Because of their timidity, I call the local brand of GOP politicians "Ritalin Republicans."

I call them this because under their guidance, a large proportion of Michigan students are drugged with Ritalin, which acts like a mild form of cocaine, for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. The disorder is medicalese for a mild and perfectly amiable form of goofiness," according to Auberon Waugh, the late great British journalist.

Besides abandoning a generation to dubious legal drugs fed in warehouse-like schools, these Ritalin Republicans continue the same old progressive education programs that leave plenty of math, science, and engineering slots in the state's better universities for foreign and private school students not hampered by Ritalin Republicans' education policies.

But why be pessimistic? President Bush, a persuasive politician, thinks he carry the day for educational reform with the right "PR perspective." With his impressive record in Texas, he deserves time to try.

Calling out the "scared to death" suburban Republicans was a good start for the president. They deserve at least a year to stop moving around seats on their educational Titanic. If not, it's time for Bush to start cussing again.

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Romak wrong about deep well

To the editor:

It has been an honor and privilege to have served you as a Romulus Constable and as a uniformed police officer from 1955 to 1961, a Romulus Trustee from 1961 to 1970, and as a Romulus city councilman from 1970 to 1973, 1975 to 1985 and from 1987 to 1997, when I retired. In addition, I have served as a member of the Romulus Planning Commission.

My responsibilities were to all of the citizens, not just a few noisy protesters. One of my responsibilities as your councilman was to protect your health, safety and welfare. Many of you may remember that in the past I fought hard against dumps, landfills and other suspected polluters where there was just cause.

I have lived in Romulus for over 50 years and have raised my family here. This is our home and we have many, many friends here.

Lately, I have been watching the carrying-ons over EDS' injection well by Councilperson Debbie Romak, and am shocked and saddened.

Romak says she has been fighting against the injection well since the beginning. This is nonsense. She is doing her absolute best to mislead the good citizens of our community and representatives of the media, most of whom may not remember the past. I ask you to think back:

Where was Romak when The Romulus News reported on (October 31, 1990, "Deep Well Disposal of Toxic Waste May Come To Romulus"?)

Why wasn't Romak at the Romulus City Council meeting on December 10, 1990, when Mayor McAnally welcomed EDS into Romulus and the Council approved the project?

Where was Romak when The Romulus Roman reported on January 17, 1991, "Approve Waste Disposal Well In City"? All I know is she wasn't fighting EDS.

Why did it take her three years to discover the well? I believe it's because former Mayor McAnally didn't want her involved until after she double-crossed EDS in late 1993.

You remember McAnally—she's the one that invited EDS into Romulus, accepted the \$500,000 royalty for the city, watched as EDS spent \$2,000,000 drilling its well and then double-crossed them for filed a lawsuit against them.

Our city has spent over \$1,000,000 on lawyers fighting EDS, has lost every step of the way, and has also lost the \$500,000 Royalty (over thirty years that's \$15,000,000!)

Every once in a while I hear someone ask "Why Romulus? Why did EDS pick Romulus as its well site?" EDS says its because of good geology, good transportation and because the waste waters are generated here. All true. But I know the principal reason — its because Mayor McAnally invited them in, nothing more and nothing less.

Had McAnally said NO, none of this would ever have happened.

I believe it's finally time to ask what a lot of people have been whispering about for a long time: Is Romak being paid to protest against EDS?

I think its mighty suspicious that Romak has been talking to EDS' competitors, who have shown up at EDS' public hearings to speak against the well. These competitors are currently dumping hazardous waste in the sewers that flow under our neighborhoods and schools.

I can imagine the impact that EDS will have on these competitors — and how willing they might be to pay people to protest against the well.

Two weeks ago, Romak called for "civil disobedience" at a public hearing about the well. Can you imagine — a public official who has sworn to uphold the law is now calling for the public to break the law?! Romak should immediately resign from the city council for violating her oath of office.

Lastly, I have read the reports from the USEPA, MDEQ, University of Michigan, Western Michigan University and from the states of Ohio, Illinois, Florida, Louisiana, Texas, Colorado and California (there are thousands of injection wells in California) and from Canada. These wells are safe — despite the propaganda put out by Romak.

I know it's hard for some of you to trust in the system. There was a time when I also had doubts. But the evidence is overwhelming, and it shows that Romak is just plain wrong.

EDS is here to stop the dumping in the sewers and has my full support. As for Romak in my opinion she does not represent the best interests of our citizens and has caused our community a lot of embarrassment.

I believe she is only interested in exploiting the well issue to further her political career. She has caused our citizens to appear dumb for not knowing the facts, and lazy for refusing to find them out. Enough's enough.

The voters tossed out McAnally in 1995. We should do the same to Romak this November.

Your Friend and Neighbor,
Jimmie C. Raspberry

Romulus praised

To the editor:

This letter is to thank all the people of Romulus who helped when my father Theodore Romak's house burned on January 10, 2001.

It's in your time of need that you realize just how much people going the extra mile can really make a difference.

Even though, my father's home (our family home for over 50 years) was destroyed, just having the people involved care so much made all the difference in the world.

Our whole family realized during this experience just why we live in a small town. People know your name and they know how to care for each other. That's just something you just don't experience often enough in this hi-tech modern world of ours.

Thanks,
Theodore Romak and family



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LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Gracins defended

To the Editor:

Yet another lawsuit filed against the Gracins, this time by two former city council members. I would like to make it known that an account has been set up to accept donations for the cost of doing legal battle.

My wife and I have accepted the positions of trustees to the account to monitor the balance and pay the attorney's fees. This will allow the Gracins to stay focused on the issues at hand with their attorney as well as backing by the A.C.L.U.

We will also ensure that there can be no questions raised as to the use of these funds because it will require our signature for anything to be drawn from this account. If a balance remains in the account after all obligations are met, it will be donated to a charity yet to be determined.

If you would like to help defray these costs, please send any donations made payable to: Mario and Brenda Gracin Defense Fund in C/O JoAnne Manthey 32132 Avondale, Westland Mi. 48186-4904.

Thank you, and God Bless America,

Al Manthey

Cyber porn worse than Sodom

To the editor:

Cyber porn has reached perverted levels beyond all imagination. Worse than Sodom and Gomorrah could ever have been. Children can see tons of free samples by just answering yes to, "Are you 18?" on the screen.

It's like putting beer machines on every street corner. No one to check I.D.'s. No one to enforce the law. Just a sign that says you must be 18 to buy. It's crazy.

Internet providers are guilty of gross negligence. At the very least they are violating anti-display laws. Parents should try to sue the providers under the Vic-

tims of Pornography act passed by Congress a few years ago. It was law suits that brought the tobacco industry to its knees. Football games can be blacked out in different cities. Why couldn't the Internet be blocked out so not to transgress the different community standards of porn?

The issue is not individual rights. But it is the rights of the communities to prevent the breeding of Ted Bundy's that will walk their streets and stalk innocent victims and pollute their tranquil environment.

We have the drug and alcohol agency. Why can't we have a communications decency agency? The states could create an elected office of Obscenity Judge. Being elected his mandate would be the community standards of porn for that State. He could be given powers to issue orders, levy fines, etc.... Should Congress re-write the First Amendment in simple third-grade English so that even a Supreme Court Judge could interpret it?

Pull out of the stock market decent folks. America is due for a wake-up call.

C. Gregory Dukes

Free Press misquoted Wicklund

To the editor:

I have learned that them was a discussion of a quote that was attributed to me in a *Free Press* article about the City Council meeting held on Monday, January 22, 2001. I was as outraged as you when I read that quotation. It does not accurately express the words I said to Mr. Warikoo, or the spirit of what I meant.

My actual comment to him is included in a letter, which I wrote to express my displeasure that he would take my words out of context on such a sensitive matter. The City Council and I obviously

have our differences concerning the Citrin Drive deep well project, but I would never disparage the good citizens of Romulus or insult their intelligence to advance my cause.

It was reckless and irresponsible of Mr. Warikoo to only print part of what I said to him, especially since he had to know that the words he chose to extract from my full statement would likely create a needless bone of contention between EDS and our opponents. I have told him as much, and wanted you to know this.

The public relies on the media

to report the news fairly, accurately and with balance, not to make it up or manufacture it. It is unfortunate for all of us when, through oversight, ignorance or intention, members of the news media get the story wrong because it is virtually impossible to undo the tremendous harm that results from their unethical reporting.

I deeply regret any hurt or ill will that resulted from the inaccuracies in Mr. Warikoo's article.

Sincerely,

Douglas F. Wicklund

President

Heart goes out to Posts

To the editor:

On December 26, 2000, the citizens of Romulus lost a dear friend and a dedicated newsmen in Mr. Alfred C. Post. Al worked as the reporter for the Michigan Community Newspapers Romulus Roman whose beat was the City of Romulus.

During the past thirteen years, I considered Al an excellent news reporter and a friend. I didn't always agree with Al, but I felt he reported and wrote the news in a fair and truthful manner. I observed Al, not only at Council meetings but throughout the City of Romulus covering any and all news stories that concerned the citizens.

Al was always there with his pen and paper and camera. Whenever I needed the Romulus Roman to express my concerns or causes, whether political or personal, all I had to do was call Al and he would show up, with his pen and paper and camera.

In closing, my heart goes out to Al Post's wife, children, family and friends. We all know he is in heaven reporting the news for a higher power and is looking down at the City of Romulus.

Sincerely,

William Wadsworth,

Councilman

City of Romulus, Michigan

ABSTRACT

WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2001-04

JANUARY 29, 2001

Special meeting of the City Council held Monday, January 29, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at The Hilton Garden Inn, 14600 Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Members Present: Dickerson, Dobrowolski, McEachern, Haidous, Powser, Shackelford. Member absent: Lentine, excused. Discussion regarding FY 2001-2002 goals with the City Manager and Department Heads. The meeting was recessed at 8:55 p.m., reconvened at 9:07 p.m., recessed at 10:43 p.m., reconvened at 10:53 p.m. and adjourned at 11:43 p.m.

Mary E. Carney

City Clerk

Publish: February 8, 2001

OBITUARIES

ACUFF, JAMES A., 68 of Canton, born the second of four, in New London, Missouri, to Donald and Margaret Acuff, passed away December 26. He fought in the Korean War, attended Barber School, and worked for GM for about 20 years. He leaves behind to mourn his ex-wife Marion; children Stephanie, James Jr., and Jackie; two sisters; four grandchildren; family and friends. Funeral services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. Willie David officiating, cremation rites were accorded.

ALEXANDER, CALVIN, 59 of Inkster, the youngest of eight born in Port Gibson, Mississippi, to Booker T. and Ruby Alexander passed away January 7. He leaves behind to mourn his passing his wife of 15 years Chense; children Tonia and Lisa Alexander; six step-children; two brothers; three sisters; grandchildren Andrew Jr., Andrea, Antoinette and Jakea; family and friends. Arrangements made by Penn Funeral Home with services held at Pentecostal Temple COGIC with interment at Westlawn Cemetery West, Ypsilanti Twp., MI.

BACON, NICHOLAS REID, 16 of Garden City passed away January 22. Loving son of James and Debra. Dear brother of Mathew. Beloved grandson of Paul and Betty Bacon; Lorna (Holden) Marshall. He is also survived by sixteen aunts and uncles; and twenty-two cousins. Funeral services were held at Harry J. Will Funeral Home. Interment followed at Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne.

BARBER, GLADYS MAE 67 of Inkster born in Jackson, Miss., to David and Mary Robinson passed away December 14. She is survived by her devoted daughter Maxine Harris; grandchildren; family and friends. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with cremation rite accorded.

BELL, MARIE, 61 of Romulus, born in Detroit to Oliver and Melissa Bell, passed away January 4. She leaves behind to cherish her memory her son Cornelius, seven brothers, four sisters, family and friends. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. Terrell Jackson officiating, interment followed at Detroit Memorial Park West, Redford.

CALLAHAN, MARIE, 78 of Madison Heights passed away January 10. Dear wife of the late Floyd Callahan. Loving mother of Gwenda (Irvine) Herron, Bobby (Joyce) Powell, and Anita (Gary) Townsend. Dear sister of Lester Buchanan.

Dear grandmother of eight and great-grandmother of thirteen. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Rev. Bob McDonald officiating. Interment followed at Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne.

CLARK, EDITH M. 83 of Inkster born in Evergreen, Alabama, to Randolph and Theophilous Harris, passed away December 14. She moved to Inkster in 1945 and loved to make earnings and crochet. She was a foster grandparent and was loved by all who knew her. Arrangements were made through Penn Funeral Home with services held at Holy Family Catholic Church.

EICHSTADT, MAE 70 of Belleville, passed away January 9. Beloved wife of Bill Eichstadt. Dear mother of Mickey Eichstadt of Belleville, Sandy Ferri of Belleville, Linda Eichstadt of Belleville, and Kim (Robert) Williams of Willis. Dear daughter of the late Newton and Mary Rose. Dear sister of Loretta Calloway of California. She is also survived by six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by sister Evelyn Gola. She worked as a nurses aide in Belleville Hospital and U of M Hospital for many years. Funeral services were held at David C. Brown Funeral Home. Interment followed at Union-Udell Cemetery, Ypsilanti.

GAUVIN, CAROL SUE, 50 of Romulus passed away January 11. Dear wife of Elmer. Loving mother of Michael G. (Romulus). Dear sister of Donald D. Dull (Huntsville, Alabama), Mrs. Renne (Viola) Roy (Roscommon, MI), Mrs. Elmer (Mary) Hansen (California). Funeral services were held at St. Paul Lutheran Church, New Boston with Pastor D. Lee Cullen Jr. officiating. Interment followed at Michigan Memorial Park. Arrangements made through Crane Funeral Home, Romulus.

GRECA, ANTHONY "TONY" M., 30 of Romulus passed away January 14. Dear son of Donna J. Greca and the late Clement M. Beloved husband of Lisa M. (Cadder) Greca. Loving father of Brandon J. Patrick, Christopher H. Greca, Heather M. Patrick, and Kaytlin N. Greca. Dear brother of Steve (Paula) Greca (Romulus), Mrs. Randy (Linda) Cobb (Van Buren Twp.), and Mrs. Kenny (Cheryl) Kamin (Petersburg, MI). Loving grandson of Charlotte Zylla (Mission, TX.) Funeral services were held at St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Romulus with Father Tom Cusick officiating. Interment followed at Romulus Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were

made through Crane Funeral Home.

HABICHT, LILLIAN JOYCE, 68 of Westland passed away January 11. Dear wife of the late Louis Habicht. Loving mother of Shirley (John) Oster, Louis (Cathy) Habicht, Jr., Michael Habicht, Daniel (Teresa) Habicht, Lori Kitson, John Habicht, and James Habicht. Beloved sister of Frances (Donald) Bostick, Joann Britchard, and Roseanne Phelps. Dear grandmother of seventeen and great-grand mother of seven. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Rev. Don Comer officiating. Interment followed at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

HADYNYIAK, ANDREW P. 80 of Romulus passed away. Loving husband of Gladys F. (Worden) Hadyniak. Beloved father of Donna (Ed) Payne of Melvindale and Andrea (Bob) Overmyer of Cement City. Dear brother of James Hadyniak of Romulus, John Hadyniak of Romulus, Nick Hadyniak of Romulus. He is also survived by five grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Funeral services were held January 25 at St. Aloysius Catholic Church with Fr. Alexander J. Wytrwal of St. Stephens Catholic Church of New Boston, MI, officiating. Interment followed at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock. Arrangements made by Crane Funeral Home.

HEMPHILL, CASSANDRA PAIGE, 8 months, of Westland, passed away January 10. Beloved daughter of Larry Hemphill and Robin Hallup. Dear sister of Larry Hemphill. Loved by many grandparents, relatives, and friends. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Father Jack Baker officiating. Interment followed at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

JAMES, RUTH A., 69 of Southfield, born in Washington, Kentucky, to Andrew and Hallie Martin, passed away December 31. She leaves to mourn her loss sons Andrew and Darryl Martin; grandchildren; family and friends. Arrangements made by Penn Funeral Home with services held at Unity Baptist Church in Detroit, cremation rites were accorded.

JONES, ARLYN, of Westland born in Ackerman, Miss., the youngest child of Marvin and Mary McMullin passed away December 11. For 25 years she was a member of the Order of Eastern Stars and climbed to the rank of District Grand Matron. She leaves behind to mourn her sisters Narvelle and Eleanor; nieces; nephews; family and friends. Arrangements made by Penn Funeral Home with services held at Womack Temple CME Church with Rev. Terrell Jackson officiating.

KIRBY, ANNE VALERIE, 73 of Westland, passed away January 14. Loving wife of Edward (Ted) Kirby. Beloved mother of Ron (Charm) Kirby and Sharon Glover. Dear sister of Gladys Fowler. Dear grandmother of Jason Strahan, Jeff Kirby, Linda Kirby, Kent Brina, and Donna Shouse. Dear great-grandmother of Bryan Strahan, Forrest Brina, and Hunter Brina. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Rev. Ronald Vanderbeech. Interment followed at Southern Michigan Services, Livonia.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111, on Wednesday, February 14, 2001, at 7:30 p.m. to consider the following:

A request to amend the Zoning Ordinance, 6-2-92, as amended, to amend the zoning map by rezoning parcels V-125-83-108-99-0004-000, V 125-83-108-99-0005-000, V 125-83-108-99-0010-000, V 125-83-108-99-0011-000 from AG, Agricultural Estate, to R-1B, Single Family Residential. The property is located on the northwest corner of Martinsville and Hall Roads.

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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February 8, 2001

CITY OF WAYNE
PUBLIC NOTICE

On January 16, 2001, the City Council of the City of Wayne, following a duly noticed public hearing, determined to submit the following projects for funding pursuant to the 2001-2002 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

PROJECTS

LOCATION	ACTIVITY	AMOUNT
City-wide	Emergency/Senior Services	\$ 16,000.
City-wide	Neighborhood Home Revitalization Administration	\$ 91,000.
Kiwanis Park	New Shelter, landscaping and equipment	\$ 20,000.
City-wide	Community Housing Rehabilitation	<u>\$ 16,100.</u>
	TOTAL	\$159,000.

Further information. is available by contacting Peter J. McInerney, Community Development Director, 3355 S. Wayne Road, Wayne, MI 48184 or by calling (734) 722-2002.

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ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

1. Barton Malow Company, requests bids on behalf of Romulus Community Schools for the construction of the Romulus High School Pool Addition and Interior Remodeling for Bid Package No. 5 work. **Bid proposals will be received by Romulus Community Schools, 36540 Grant Road, Romulus, MI 48174, delivery or mail, to the attention of Mr. William Routhier by 2:00 p.m. local time on February 22, 2001.**

2. Proposals shall be prepared in accordance with the Project Manual dated January 26, 2001 by the Barton Malow Company and contract and construction documents prepared by the Architect dated January 5, 2001, January 16, 2001 and January 25, 2001 for:

BID PACKAGE NO. 5 - ROMULUS HIGH SCHOOL POOL ADDITION AND INTERIOR REMODELING

- 02070 Selective Demolition
- 02200 Site Work and Utilities
- 03300 Concrete Foundations and Flat Work
- 04200 Unit Masonry
- 05100 Metals
- 06100 Carpentry
- 07500 Roofing and Sheet Metal
- 08500 Aluminum, Glass and Glazing
- 09250 Drywall and Acoustical
- 09310 Ceramic Tile
- 09650 Resilient Flooring and Carpet
- 09900 Painting and Wall Coverings
- 12300 Casework
- 12610 Fixed Auditorium Seating
- 13150 Swimming Pool Equipment
- 14400 Platform Lifts
- 15050 Mechanical
- 16050 Electrical

3. Accepted bidders will be required, as a condition precedent to award of contract, to furnish in the amount of 100% of the contract price, satisfactory Performance Bond and Payment Bond and Certificates of Insurance as required in the Project Manual. This project is subject to state sales tax and/or use tax.

4. Bidding documents can be obtained from Barton Malow Company at the Romulus Schools field office located at 9650 S. Wayne Rd., Romulus, MI 48174, phone (734) 941-0869, fax: (734) 941-1278. A refundable deposit of \$50.00 per document set is required.

5. A pre-bid conference and site visit/tour will be held for all trades at Barton Malow Company's jobsite office located at 9650 S. Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 on February 7, 2001 at 3:30 p.m.

Publish: February 8, 2001
February 11, 2001

CITY OF INKSTER

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, February 28, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at the Recreation Complex located at 2025 Middlebelt, in said City of Inkster, Wayne County, Michigan, a Public Hearing will be held on the following: To consider submitting a Parks and Recreation Grant Application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.

Kimberly Turner

City Clerk

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February 22, 2001

CITY OF INKSTER

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, February 28, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at the Recreation Complex located at 2025 Middlebelt, in said City of Inkster, Wayne County, Michigan, a Public Hearing will be held on the following: To consider submitting a Parks and Recreation Grant Application to the Land & Water Conservation Fund.

Kimberly Turner

City Clerk

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WAS \$39,250 NOW \$30,933^{05*}

A-PLAN 24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
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Stk. #11690

185 Focuses Available

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Cloud 9 white clearcoat, dark charcoal cloth interior, 2.0L SPI engine, automatic transaxle, comfort group, tilt steering column, speed control, front courtesy map lights, P195/60R15 BSW tires.

Ford Employee or eligible family member

WAS \$15,690 NOW \$13,670^{85*}

A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
	\$278 ^{76**}	\$232 ^{74**}

2001 TAURUS SE

Stk. #10780

139 Tauruses Available

0.9% APR Financing Available

4 DOOR SE

Chestnut clearcoat metallic, medium parchment cloth bucket seats, 3.0L 2V 6-cylinder engine, automatic overdrive transmission, front and rear floor mats, 5 passenger seating w/storage console, power driver seat, 60/40 split/fold rear seat, adjustable pedals.

Ford Employee or eligible family member

WAS \$20,345 NOW \$16,408^{00*}

A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
	\$245 ^{62**}	\$200 ^{37**}

2001 RANGER S.C.

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265 Rangers Available

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SUPER CAB 4x2 XLT

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Ford Employee or eligible family member

WAS \$21,635 NOW \$16,356^{35}**

A-PLAN 24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
	\$203 ^{97**}	\$139 ^{82**}

2001 EXPLORER SPORT

Stk. #12510

270 Explorers Available

0.9% APR Financing Available

2 DOOR SPORT 4x2

Oxford white clearcoat, dark graphite cloth sport bucket seats, 4.0L SOHC V6 engine, 5-speed automatic overdrive transmission, step bar, front tow hooks, fog lamps, autolock/relock, remote keyless entry w/keypad, AM/FM stereo cass. w/single cd.

Ford Employee or eligible family member

WAS \$25,205 NOW \$20,318^{80}**

A-PLAN 24 Month LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
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Ford Employee or eligible family member

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2001 WINDSTAR LX	0 Down 1500 Down	\$ 452 \$1997
2001 F-150 4X2 SUPERCAB	0 Down 1500 Down	\$ 387 \$1908
2001 EXPLORER XLT 4X4 4 DOOR	0 Down 1500 Down	\$ 529 \$2053
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